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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

REPORT

Subject (in full) General L. Vlassievsky.

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Foreign Registration
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Place Shanghai, China.

Made by D.S. Maklaevsky.

Forwarded by J. Robertson A.D. 1.

SECRET
The undermentioned White Russian General recently arrived in Shanghai from Tientsin.

General L. Vlassievsky - Aide-de-Camp and local representative of Ataman Semenoff. Resides at 56 Avenue Dubail.

It is reported that General L. Vlassievsky accompanied Ataman Semenoff in the latter's recent visit to Mukden, Peking and Tientsin in an endeavour to amalgamate the various unions of the members of the former White Russian Far Eastern Army in these centres under one leadership.

It is also reported that, with the assistance of the Japanese Authorities, Ataman Semenoff intends to open an offensive, with a detachment composed of members of the said unions, against the Soviet in Mongolia. The funds for this purpose will be met out of the money the Ataman received from the "Pogtiagin's Millions."

Ataman Semenoff is now in Japan.

B. Maklaevsky

D. S.

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File No. D. 675.

Sir,

The reference to the proposed White Russian Concession is contained in the attached file at Flags "A" "B" and "C." I feel sure that mention was also made of it in some other files but these are not available at present. So far as I know nothing has been definitely decided by the Chinese authorities and in view of the present Sino-Soviet crisis it is unlikely that the scheme will be encouraged at the present stage.

Ataman Semenoff is most anxious that such a concession be formed but according to newspaper reports he was snubbed recently by Marshal Chang Hsueh Liang and is therefore not likely to press the matter until he regains favour.

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Extract from File I.O. 7740.

The undermentioned White Russian General left Shanghai for Mukden, via Dairen on November 10, 1929 in the s.s. "Dairen Maru".

General L. Vlassievsky.

Local representative of Ataman Semenoff, who negotiated, on behalf of the latter, with the Nationalist Government, for the formation of a White Russian Concession in Manchuria. He was recalled by telegram by Ataman Semenoff, who is at present in Mukden.

Foreign Section

What is the nature please of the White Russian Concession in Manchuria, about which negotiations are being conducted?

(Sd.) T.P.G.

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Extract from I.O. D. 88

RUSSIAN REACTIONARIES.

The negotiations started in May between Ataman Semenoff and the Hanking Government for the establishment in China of a reservation for White Russians were continued during June and are now reported to have taken more definite shape. It appears that Ataman Semenoff is now en route from Japan to Dairen where he will meet a representative of the National Government and a foreigner from Peking who will be accompanied by General Vlasiebsky Aide-de-Camp to the Ataman. At the meeting certain terms will be discussed under which the Ataman will be authorised to receive Russian funds deposited in the banks at Harbin some years ago by former Czarist officials and utilise same for the organisation of anti-communist troops to be stationed in the Three Rivers District in Mongolia. These troops will be recruited from among the Russian refugees who settled on the borders of U.S.S.R. after the revolution. It is said that the Japanese General Staff are assisting Ataman Semenoff to realise his intentions and that the sum of Y250,000.00 was awarded him by the Japanese Government in the beginning of June to further the project. Apparently the ~~first~~ gift was actually handed to Mr. Tano, the Ataman's Japanese Secretary, who transmitted only 25,000.00 to the recipient. Mr. Tano is now under arrest in Tokyo.

In spite of the many rumours and reports received chiefly from Soviet sources to the effect that White Russians have been active participants in raids into Soviet Russian territory since the commencement of the Sino-Soviet crisis no confirmation has been obtained nor is it known that the Chinese authorities are employing White Russians in the ranks of the Chinese Army. There is no doubt, however, that important White Russian leaders like Ataman Semenoff and Lieut. General Horvath are keeping in touch with developments with a view to

taking an active part in the struggle should war be declared. Of these two leaders Ataman Semenoff is the more likely to be eager for action as he is anxious to establish a buffer state in Mongolia and in order to achieve his aims would without hesitation place the military forces under his leadership at the disposal of the Manchurian authorities.

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It is also reported that on July 12, a meeting of the Diplomatic body was held to discuss questions relating to the National Municipal Council and roads outside the Settlement.

Russian Functionaries.

It is known that several White Russian Military leaders are now in North China and are no doubt keeping themselves in touch with the present Sino-Soviet situation. Their activities, however, must depend on the turn of events and their chances of furthering their own interests for future developments.

Aleksandr Semenoff, who was in North China when the ultimatum was sent to China, is reported to have been anxious to throw the weight of his resources on the side of China undoubtedly with the object of creating a buffer state in Mongolia. His offer of assistance, however, was turned down and he was informed that any action on his part likely to retard a peaceful conclusion of the issues between China and the U.S.S.R. would be immediately quelled.

In this connection it is significant that General Vlasievsky, the Ataman's official representative in Shanghai, visited the latter in Harbin about July 19, and while the result of his visit is uncertain there is every possibility that the present crisis and the part to be played in it by that part of the White Russian community loyal to Ataman Semenoff, was the topic of discussion.

Foreign Agents. Movements. Etc.

Three Soviet agents arrived in Shanghai during the month and one departed. In addition to those it is known that 25 known and/or suspected Soviet agents reside in the Settlement while four Soviet State Commercial enterprises still function within the limits. The fact that only four Soviet agents arrived or left Shanghai during July is explained in an order received from Moscow to await further instructions. A tense feeling of uncertainty exists among local Soviet employees, agents, and citizens who held a representative meeting at I Canton Road on July 11 to define their position in the event of hostilities breaking out between Soviet Russia and China, but were relieved when Comrade Plavin explained that no drastic measures concerning them would be resorted to by the Chinese Authorities.

Information was also received that the local office of Dalbank, 29 Suzhouk Road, had received instructions from Moscow to close down and wind up their business. So far no preparations have been made to this end by the persons concerned. Information was also received that the local office of Centrosejus had received similar instructions but certain Chinese are said to be using their influence with the Nanking Government to keep the premises open in order to dispose of large stocks of tea to the U.S.A. and thereby avoid the loss of several million Taels to Chinese tea dealers.



CONFIDENTIAL

REPORT

Date January 8, 1930.

Subject (in full) Proposed Organisation of the Union of the Former Ranks of the Far Eastern Army.

Made by D.S. Naklaevsky.

Forwarded by John Robertson C.I.D.

Information has been received to the effect that General L. Vlassievsky, Aide-de-Camp to and local representative of Ataman Semenoff, who returned to Shanghai in December 1929 from a visit to Ataman Semenoff at Mukden, is organizing the local branch of the Union of the former ranks of the Far Eastern Army, which went out of existence in 1930 after the fall of Ataman Semenoff's Government in Transbaikial Province. The Headquarters of the Union of the former ranks of the Far Eastern Army is in Mukden, its Chairman is Lieut-General Baksheeff, Assistant to Ataman Semenoff, who was appointed to this post by the latter.

The staff of the local Union consists of the following persons:

General L. Vlassievsky - Representative of Ataman Semenoff.

Resides at 56 Av. Dubail.

General Malaken - Chairman of the Union. Appointed

to this post by General Vlassievsky.

Resides in the French Concession.

Mr. Gerrard de Soucanton - Assistant to General Malaken, employee of the Telephone Company.

Resides at 381 Avenue Joffre.

The main object of organising the various branches of the Union of the former ranks of the Far Eastern Army throughout China is to consolidate the organisation under the leadership of Ataman Semenoff, who, it is reported, is acting on instructions from the Japanese Authorities, who are reported to be supporting the new adventure against Soviet Russia in Mongolia. The different branches of the Union are regarded as recruiting offices for a Detachment in Mongolia where the offensive

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against Soviet Russia will be launched. It is reported that Ataman Semenoff was visited in Mukden by several Mongolian Princes, who invited him to organise a White Russian Detachment, with the assistance of Mongolians to free Mongolia from the yoke of Soviet Russia.

The expenses incurred in the carrying out of this project will be met out of the money the Ataman received from "Pogtiagin's Millions," which were deposited in banks in Japan in the name of the former ranks of the Far Eastern Army.

Information has also been received that some of the local White Russians, who are known personally to General Malaken, were informed by the latter that after joining the local Union they should hold themselves in readiness to go to Mongolia to fight against Soviet Russia. This is known to only the most faithful adherents of Ataman Semenoff who are sworn to secrecy.

Attached is a copy of Ataman Semenoff's secret order to Lieut-General Baksheeff which was received by General Vladieevsky in Shanghai and was copied by a friend of the undersigned.

B. Maxlaevsky.

D. S.

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Translation.

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Strictly confidential.

To Ex-General Baksheeff,

Chairman of the Union of former Far Eastern
Army Members.

In the name of Admiral Koltchak, the High Commander, who fell in the service to his Motherland, I raise once more the banner of struggle against the Government of the III International of Red Moscow, which was dropped for a while as a result of the scattering of emigrants, in response to the sanguinary happenings in the Three Rivers District and with a view to defending the whole of White Russian emigration against their extermination by the Red International in the territory of China.

I forward your Excellency the stamp of "The Union of Members of the Former Far Eastern Army", the model of which I certify hereby by my own signature. Let this stamp be the symbol of unification for all existing Russian White emigrant groups and organizations in the territory of China, in pursuit of joint and serious endeavour to regenerate the Great and Powerful Russia.

Sd. Ataman Semenoff.

Correct:

Sd. Major-General Vlashevsky.

Translation.

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R E S O L U T I O N S

of the Commander-In-Chief of the former Far Eastern Army.

- I. Will communicate with Gen. Podtiagin, to whom as a result of agreement between the lawyer of Major Kuroki and Gen. Podtiagin's lawyer, the Dr. of Law Kisi, 730.000 Yen have been forwarded, this money belonging, according to the judgment rendered by the Japanese Court in Tokio, to the members of the former Far Eastern Army, and to save it from attempts of the Bolsheviks to get these funds of the White Russians through the agents of the Red Moscow.
2. To legalise openly the "Union of members of the former Far Eastern Army" through the medium of the official Japanese and Chinese institutions.
3. To lay as the foundation of existing emigrant unifications the following:
 - a) That former members of the Far Eastern Army be members of the Union.
 - b) That the existing emigrant unifications continue to function in their original status irrespective of what they are called.
 - c) That the Chairman of the "Union of Members of the former Far Eastern Army" approve of the stamps used by emigrant organisations, which will join the General Union of the members of former Far Eastern Army.

Sd. Ataman Semenoff,

Commander-in-Chief of the former
Far Eastern Army.

Correct: Sd. T.M. Vlassovsky.